

# Present Simple Collocation Challenge

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Grammar Exercises: gap-fill, writing sentences, identifying, odd word out,

Speaking Game: true or false, guessing (pair work)

## Focus

Present simple affirmative and negative sentences

Verb-noun collocations

## Aim

To practice common verb-noun collocations and present simple affirmative and negative sentences.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

## Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

## Time

35 minutes

## Introduction

In this present simple worksheet and game, students practice using common verb-noun collocations in present simple affirmative and negative sentences.

## Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

First, students complete sentences with verbs from a box in the correct form.

### Exercise A - Answer key

1. have
2. gets
3. go
4. reads
5. do
6. wears
7. makes
8. drinks
9. watch
10. play

Students then write positive and negative sentences using the verbs from the box.

### Exercise B - Answer key

1. I make a cake every weekend.
2. He doesn't read a story every day.
3. They go to the park after school.
4. My mother doesn't drink coffee in the evening.
5. We watch cartoons on Saturday mornings.
6. Sara doesn't do exercise every day.
7. They play basketball every weekend.
8. I don't have lunch at home.
9. Max gets up at 7 o'clock every day.
10. My father doesn't wear a hat to work.

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Next, students complete each sentence with the correct negative.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. don't
2. doesn't
3. don't
4. doesn't
5. doesn't
6. don't
7. doesn't
8. doesn't
9. doesn't
10. don't

After that, students circle the nouns that do not go with the verbs.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. a bag
2. a school
3. a dog
4. tennis
5. a cake
6. books
7. shopping
8. school
9. a phone
10. bus

Next, students write ten true present simple positive and negative sentences about themselves using the verb-noun collocations from Exercise D. Five sentences should be true, and five should be false.

In pairs, students then take turns reading one of their sentences to their partner, who guesses if it's true or false.

Students score one point for each correct guess.

The student with the most points at the end of the game is the winner.

## Present Simple Collocation Challenge

### A. Complete each sentence with a verb from the box. Use the correct form.

read    get    watch    wear    have    do    make    play    drink    go

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| 1. I ..... a bath in the morning.     | 6. Carlos ..... a jacket in winter.   |
| 2. Ahmed ..... dressed before school. | 7. She ..... the bed in the morning.  |
| 3. We ..... to school by bus.         | 8. My brother ..... water every day.  |
| 4. My sister ..... a book before bed. | 9. I ..... TV in the evening.         |
| 5. They ..... homework after school.  | 10. We ..... football every Saturday. |

### B. Write sentences using the verbs from the box. Use (+) for positive and (-) for negative.

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|--|-------|
| 1. I (+) a cake every weekend.           | ..... |
| 2. He (-) a story on every day.          | ..... |
| 3. They (+) to the park after school.    | ..... |
| 4. My mother (-) coffee in the evening.  | ..... |
| 5. We (+) cartoons on Saturday mornings. | ..... |
| 6. Sara (-) do exercise every day.       | ..... |
| 7. They (+) basketball every weekend.    | ..... |
| 8. I (-) lunch at home.                  | ..... |
| 9. Max (+) up at 7 o'clock every day.    | ..... |
| 10. My father (-) a hat to work.         | ..... |

### C. Complete each sentence with the correct negative.

1. I ..... (don't / doesn't) have dinner in the afternoon.
2. Amy ..... (don't / doesn't) make a phone call every day.
3. We ..... (don't / doesn't) watch movies in the morning.
4. Daniel ..... (don't / doesn't) go home early.
5. My father ..... (don't / doesn't) read a newspaper .
6. You ..... (don't / doesn't) do housework every Saturday.
7. He ..... (don't / doesn't) wear shoes in the house.
8. My father ..... (don't / doesn't) get home at 5 o'clock.
9. She ..... (don't / doesn't) play computer games at school.
10. They ..... (don't / doesn't) drink tea in the evening.



**D. Circle the word that does NOT go with the verb.**

1. wear: a jacket / a bag / shoes / a hat
2. have: a bath / lunch / a school / a shower
3. make: the bed / a phone call / a dog / a cake
4. do: homework / tennis / exercise / housework
5. drink: water / coffee / a cake / tea
6. watch: books / movies / TV / cartoons
7. play: football / shopping / computer games / basketball
8. get: dressed / up / home / school
9. read: a book / a phone / a newspaper / a story
10. go: to school / to the park / the bus / home



**E. Write 10 present simple positive and negative sentences about yourself using the verbs and words above. Use each verb once. Write 5 true sentences and 5 false sentences.**

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....
6. ....
7. ....
8. ....
9. ....
10. ....

**F. In pairs, take turns saying one of your sentences. Your partner says, 'That's true' or 'That's false.' You score one point for each correct guess. The student with the most points wins.**

Example:

A: I read a book every day.

B: That's true.

A: No, it's false. I don't read a book every day.

B: I don't play football.

A: That's false.

B: Yes, that's right. I play football.

